

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

DL 25. (Currently Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence with at least 75% sequence identity to the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4 and wherein said polypeptide ~~reacts with an anti-pneumococcal Sp36 antibody~~ binds to an antibody that is specific for Sp36.

26. (Previously Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 25 wherein said amino acid sequence has at least 90% sequence identity to the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

27. (Previously Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 25 wherein said amino acid sequence has at least 95% sequence identity to the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

02 28. (Currently Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence with at least 75% sequence identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2 and 4 wherein said polypeptide is present in an organism selected from the group consisting of Group A streptococci and *Staphylococcus aureus* and wherein said polypeptide ~~reacts with an anti-pneumococcal Sp36 antibody~~ binds to an antibody that is specific for Sp36.

29. (Previously Added) The isolated polypeptide of claim 28 wherein said Group A organism is *Streptococcus pyogenes*.

30. (Previously Added) The isolated polypeptide of claim 28 wherein said organism is *Staphylococcus aureus*.

33. (Currently Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 75% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2 and 4 and wherein said polypeptide has a sequence with at least 25% sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of the Sp36 protein (SEQ ID NO: 7) of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and wherein said isolated polypeptide binds to an antibody that is specific for Sp36.

34. (Previously Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 33 wherein said amino acid sequence has at least 90% sequence identity to the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

35. (Previously Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 33 wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity to the sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2.

36. (Previously Amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 33 wherein said polypeptide comprises the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

37. (Previously Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2 and 4.